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Dear Tracy:

This is but a hasty and inadequate acknowledgment of your amended manuscript. From a quick glance I would say that your changes made for considerable improvement. However, we are having a seminar on the paper within a few weeks and I will better be able to tell you then how well it goes, although this will possibly be too late to do anything constructive about it.

I was astonished to receive in last week's mail a notification from the NSF concerning my nomination to the Consultants in Genetics. If you possibly had a hand in this, Tracy, I must say that I am gratified. It is enough work that I am not certain that I am grateful, though of course it is a responsibility that must be carried out. I am sure that you have worried about it equally as much as I have during the short time this subject has been under my consideration.

We are looking forward to Ruth's visit next month. In deference to your wishes concerning your own visit I will attempt to placate the very general interest that there would be here to hear from you. But, of course, we are fully sympathetic with your reluctance to make any public appearance. I do hope we will be able to enjoy the congeniality of a personal visit together.

Some time this spring I will have to take a trip myself to Indianapolis to visit the Lilly Laboratories. This will probably be about the first week in April or the first week in May, as I have other dates to go East at these times.

The book agents have been on my trail again concerning the rumored manuscript by Sonneborn and myself. I wonder where they get the idea that we have a manuscript ready or in immediate prospect? Judging from their insistence there must be a very fundamental general demand for a treatise on the subject. Some day perhaps we will surprise them as well as ourselves with a finished draft.

Yours as ever,

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